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TAGS: PGOV, KDEM, VE

SUBJECT: MAYOR CAPRILES FORMALLY CHARGED IN CUBAN EMBASSY
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CLASSIFIED BY: ACTING POLITICAL COUNSELOR MARK WELL FOR REASONS 1.4 (D)

SUMMARY

1. (C) ON JUNE 25, PRO-GOV PROSECUTOR DANILO ANDERSON FILED
FORMAL CHARGES AGAINST FORMER MAYOR OF BARUTA MUNICIPALITY
HENRIQUE RODONSKI CAPRILES FOR HIS ALLEGED ROLE IN THE APRIL
12, 2002 SIEGE OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS. CAPRILES
CONTINUES TO BE DETAINED WITHOUT BAIL.

END SUMMARY.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: APPEALS REVIEW PANEL
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(D)
DECLASSIFY AFTER: 29 JUN 2024
APPEAL ACTION: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RELEASED
REASON(S): B1, 1.4(D)
DATE/CASE ID: 04 MAR 2008 200404750

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE
REVIEW AUTHORITY: MELVIN E SINN
DATE/CASE ID: 30 JUN 2005 200404750

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PRESENTATION OF CHARGES

2. (U) ON JUNE 25, PRO-GOV PROSECUTOR DANILO ANDERSON FORMALLY PRESENTED CHARGES AGAINST FORMER BARUTA MAYOR HENRIQUE CAPRILES RODONSKI. THE SIX CHARGES PRESENTED AGAINST CAPRILES, INCLUDING VIOLATION OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION, ALL RELATE TO THE APRIL 12, 2002 SIEGE AGAINST THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN CARACAS. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF CHARGES, THE JUDGE PRESIDING OVER THE CASE GRANTED THE PROSECUTION'S REQUEST THAT CAPRILES BE DETAINED WITHOUT BAIL FOR THE DURATION OF THE CASE. CAPRILES' LAWYER IS SEEKING TO HAVE THE JUDGE'S ORDER REDUCED TO HOUSE ARREST INSTEAD OF DETENTION AT DISIP HEADQUARTERS. CAPRILES WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY ON MAY 11.

CLAIMS OF CORRUPTION

3. (U) CAPRILES' LAWYER, JUAN MARTIN ECHEVERRIA, ATTACKED THE PROSECUTION'S CASE, NOTING THAT ANDERSON HAD INTENTIONALLY LEFT OUT SOME EVIDENCE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CASE FILE INCLUDES A DOCUMENTARY PRODUCED BY THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT CONCERNING THE EVENTS AT THE EMBASSY, BUT EXCLUDES WELL-KNOWN VENEVISION FOOTAGE SHOWING CAPRILES INSIDE THE EMBASSY CALMLY DISCUSSING THE WELL BEING OF THE STAFF WITH THE CUBAN AMBASSADOR.

COMMENT

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